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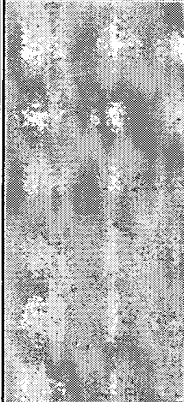
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[Note Box 4 Below]	9. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment
i. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting Inventor(s) named in the prior appln., see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).	10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.	11. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is a Small Business Entity
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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 15 claims (3 independent), 11 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-18) and the filing fee of \$770.00 on behalf of

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